

Conservation Activity Evaluation Tool

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Soil Erosion

Classic Gully Erosion

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Screening level: Classic gullies are not present. Assessment level: Classic gully management is adequate to stop the progression of head cutting and widening and are offsite impacts are minimized by vegetation and/or structures.	Yes	No 🗌
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
Drainage and erosion control measures are implemented on trails and landings to minimize detrimental effects of concentrated flow, erosion and sedimentation. Stream crossings are restored and stabilized	Yes	No



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Soil Quality Degradation

Organic Matter Depletion

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Screening level: Soil organic matter depletion is not a problem AND activities do not cause soil organic matter depletion. Assessment level: Ground cover meets state criteria specific to ecological site.	Yes	No 🗌
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
The forest floor is covered with leaves, needles, fine woody debris, rocks, and/or herbaceous vegetation that protects the soil on more than 80 percent of the area. The topsoil is not displaced. Woody residue is	Yes	No 🗌



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Excess Water

Runoff and Flooding and Ponding

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Screening level: Ponding or flooding not a problem AND activities do not cause ponding/flooding problems. Assessment level: Excess water is managed to meet client's objectives.	Yes	No 🗌
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
Drainage and erosion control measures are implemented on trails and landings to minimize detrimental effects of concentrated flow, erosion and sedimentation. Stream crossings are restored and stabilized.	Yes	No 🗌



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Water Quality Degradation

Excessive Sediment in Surface Water

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Screening level: There are no untreated sources of erosion AND streams or shoreline are not on or adjacent to site. Assessment level: Upslope treatment and buffer practices address concentrated flows to water bodies AND heavy use areas are stable AND the SVAP2 - bank condition is $>= 5$.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation T	Test Met
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<u>Degraded Plant Condition</u>

Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health

	Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met			
	Screening level: Plant production and health is not a client concern. Assessment level: Forest species are adapted to site AND composition and stand density meets the client's objectives and production goals.	Yes	No 🗌			
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	est Met			
	The forest or woodlot is fully stocked with tree species adapted to the site, has spacing for good tree growth and air flow between and beneath, does not have excessive tree mortality, has an understory made up of desirable species and is not inhibited by brush or other undesirable vegetation. Monitoring for Insects and disease is completed to prevent outbreaks that would be detrimental to forest health.	Yes	No			
<u>In</u>	adequate Structure and Composition	Inadequate Structure and Composition				
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met			
	Planning Criteria Screening level: Plant communities support the intended land use and desired ecological functions. Assessment level: Plant communities contain adequate diversity, composition and structure to support desired ecological functions.	Planning Crit	eria Met No			
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	Screening level: Plant communities support the intended land use and desired ecological functions. Assessment level: Plant communities contain adequate diversity, composition and structure to support desired ecological functions.	Yes	No			



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Excessive Plant Pest Pressure

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Screening level: Plant productivity is not limited from pest pressure. Assessment level: Pest damage to plants are below economic or environmental thresholds or client-identified criteria AND plant pests, including noxious and invasive species are managed to meet client objectives.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
Invasive and noxious weeds are controlled or not present.	Yes	No 🗌



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<u>Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat</u>

Inadequate Habitat - Food

	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	ria Met		
	Assessment level: The WHSI rating is >= 0.5 AND (when surface stream present) the SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is >= 7 AND the SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is >= 7, OR conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds, OR food is available in quality and extent to support habitat requirements for the species of interest.	Yes	No		
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Tes	st Met		
	Plant growth and cover is managed to develop and maintain habitat to help threatened, endagered, or declining wildlife species.	Yes	No 🗌		
<u>In</u>	Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter				
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met		
	Assessment level: The WHSI rating is >= 0.5 AND (when surface stream present) the SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is >= 7 AND the SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is >= 7 AND the SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is >= 7, OR conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds, OR cover is of available quality and extent to support habitat requirements for the species of interest.	Yes	No		
	stream present) the SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is >= 7 AND the SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is >= 7 AND the SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is >= 7, OR conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds, OR cover is of available quality and extent to support habitat requirements for the	Yes Evaluation Tes			
	stream present) the SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is >= 7 AND the SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is >= 7 AND the SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is >= 7, OR conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds, OR cover is of available quality and extent to support habitat requirements for the species of interest.				



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<u>Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)</u>

Planning Criteria	Planning Cr	riteria Met
Assessment level: The WHSI rating is >= 0.5 AND (when surface stream present) the SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is >= 7 AND the SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is >= 7, OR conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds, OR The connectivity of habitat components are adequate to support stable populations of targeted species.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation 7	Γest Met
People, vehicles, equipment, or livestock are only moved across a stream/river at a bridge, culvert, or stabilized ford crossing(s). Travel across the stream/river beyond these crossings is controlled.	Yes	No 🗌